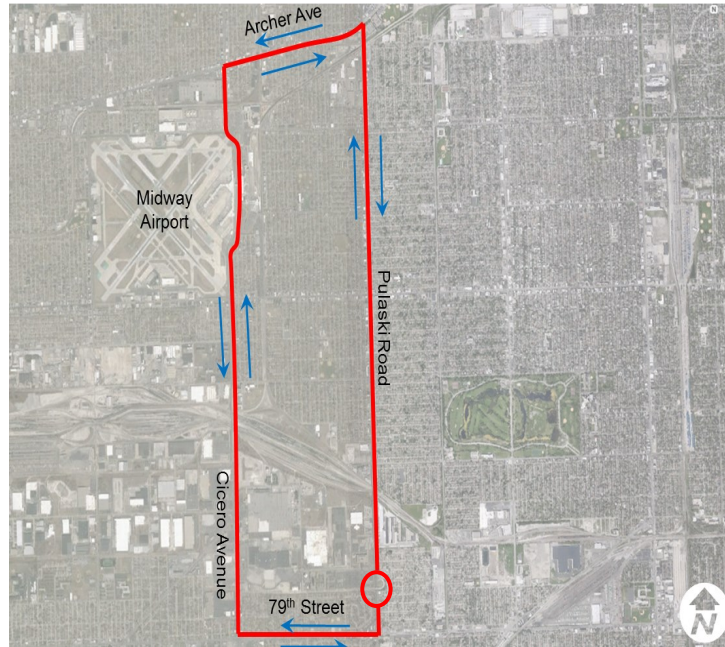


THE DETOUR

Minimizing motorist inconvenience during construction is a very sensitive issue. A detour is only used when there are no other options. Much consideration has been given to determine a safe and technically viable solution for traffic maintenance during implementation of this project. IDOT evaluated plans that utilized stage and runaround construction but these were not feasible due to constructability, safety, property impacts, longer duration and extended vehicular queues.

The detour is anticipated to be in place for one weekend with around-the-clock demolition from Friday night to Monday morning. Lane closures for debris removal are expected afterwards but would allow lanes on Pulaski Road to reopen. The detour recommended would utilize State routes: 79th Street, Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Avenue) and Archer Avenue. The detour route will be approximately 9 miles. This detour will be coordinated with nearby special events to minimize any impacts to event traffic. Streets and driveways outside of the bridge footprint are expected to be open during the detour duration. We understand the difficulties this may cause to your day to day activities and will work to minimize and have Pulaski Road open in the fastest and safest way for the motoring public. The entire improvement is expected to be completed in one construction season.



Next Steps: We Want Your Input

Your comments are valuable and allow all relevant perspectives to be considered before IDOT approves a project. We invite you to provide your input on the project and design concepts at tonight's public hearing. IDOT staff is available to discuss the project exhibits and receive your written comments.

IDOT will accept public comments until October 27, 2017. Your input will be included in the public record for this project.

Next Steps: Preferred Alternative to be Determined

This improvement is included in IDOT's FY 2018-2023 Proposed Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program. Our current engineering efforts are targeted to enable a contract letting in the early years of our current multi-year program contingent upon plan readiness, land acquisition, and funding availability through our future annual legislative appropriations.

Phase I Process

- ◆ Preferred Plan Identified
- ◆ Stakeholder Outreach
- ◆ Environmental Approvals
- ◆ Project Approval

Phase II

- ◆ Construction Plans are prepared and land acquisition begins

Phase III

- ◆ Construction begins

Contact Information

Written questions, comments, and requests for more information about bridge donation may be submitted during the Public Hearing or to IDOT no later than October 27, 2017. The correspondence should be sent to the address indicated below.

Illinois Department of Transportation
Bureau of Programming
ATTN: Mr. Carlos Feliciano
201 W. Center Court
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096

Questions and comments may also be sent to IDOT at the following email address:

DOT.D1.PulaskiAtFordCity@Illinois.gov

PULASKI ROAD AT FORD CITY DRIVE BROCHURE



WELCOME

Public Hearing
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday, August 17, 2017
Daley College
7500 S. Pulaski Road
Chicago, Illinois 60652

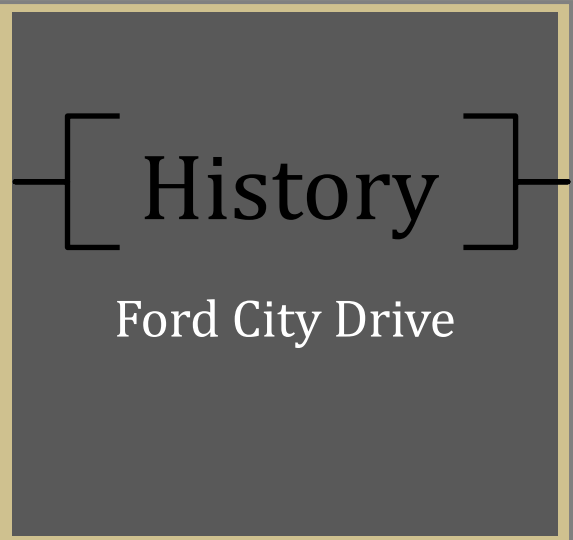
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) welcomes you to a Public Hearing for the Pulaski Road at Ford City Drive bridge improvement project in the City of Chicago.

The purpose of this project is to address the safety concerns of the Ford City Drive Bridge. Please view tonight's presentation, browse the exhibits, ask questions, and discuss the proposed alternatives with representatives from IDOT. A public forum will begin at 6:00 pm, where the public will be invited to make a statement to a court reporter. This section will end at 7:00 pm. Before leaving, fill out a comment form and return it to IDOT staff this evening, via mail to the address located at the back of this brochure or email to **DOT.D1.PulaskiAtFordCity@illinois.gov**. Your comments are an important part of this project and we encourage you to provide them to us before October 27, 2017. IDOT thanks you for your participation.

Pulaski Road at Ford City Drive

The project is located in Cook County, approximately 4 miles southeast of Midway Airport. The surrounding area is mainly composed of residential, industrial, and commercial properties in addition to the Ford City Mall, Richard Daley College, and the Chicago Fire Department. The Ford City Drive Bridge has a long and complicated maintenance history which is summarized below. Although the need for an improvement was identified in 2007, it isn't until 2015 when IDOT has clear direction that a proposed improvement is able to be put into motion. With major issues resolved, IDOT is proceeding with improvement plans to address the bridge's poor condition.

2007	Jurisdiction Findings (2007-2015)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alderman Olivo Contacts CDOT for Bridge RemovalIDOT initiates Jurisdiction InvestigationIDOT contacts Chief Counsel's Office to determine to what extent the Department is owner of the structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1964-Federal government transferred bridge to the StateState entered agreement with Chicago Industrial District (CID)CID-Equitable Life (AXA)-Developer-SFI Ford City Chicago
2012	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initiate Phase I, Engineering & Environmental Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SFI Ford City — Chicago LLC Signs No Objection to Demolition



PROJECT PURPOSE

- Improve Safety—bridge condition and concrete falling on Pulaski Rd
- Improve Operations—lane closures due to bridge debris

SAFETY

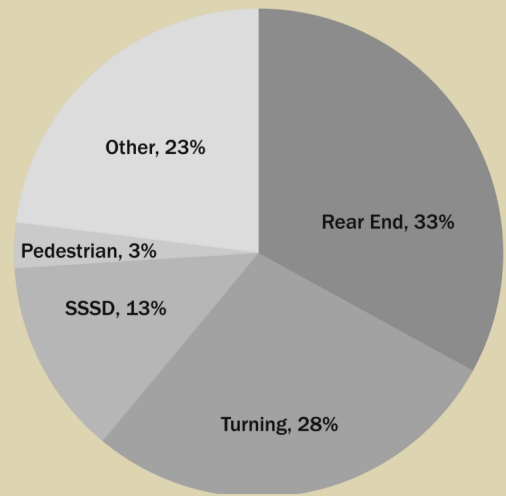


- 83 Reported Crashes (2010-2014)
- 27 (33%) Rear End Crashes
 - 23 (28%) Turning Crashes
 - 11 (13%) Sideswipe Same Direction Crashes (SSSD)
 - 18 Crashes on Wet Pavement
 - 56 Crashes during daylight hours

An analysis of the current available crash information shows there were 83 crashes with 36 injuries recorded near or at the intersection immediately preceding and following Pulaski Road at Ford City Drive. Of the 36 injuries, 2 were type “A” or incapacitation injures. The first involved a hit and run crash when a vehicle failed to yield to a pedestrian following the crosswalk signal. The second, also a hit and run crash, involved a vehicle switching lanes and striking a motorcycle engaged in a left turn at the intersection. In 2013, there was one fatal crash when a vehicle making a protected left turn was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound on Pulaski Road.



Crews repairing bridge railing in February 2004



Crash Type Percentages in the Study Area from Years 2010—2014

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- Removal of the bridge and ramps on east side of Pulaski Rd
- Northbound left turn lane on Pulaski Rd lengthened
- Traffic signal times improved at 76th and Pulaski Rd
- New sidewalk from 77th St to 76th St



PURPOSE & NEED: THEN VS. NOW

THEN

- Minimize traffic impacts on Pulaski Rd
- Traffic Shift Changes/Deliveries at the Dodge-Chicago Plant



NOW

- No Longer Serves Intended Purpose on Pulaski Rd
- Little to No Traffic on Bridge
- Public Safety Hazard

BRIDGE DONATION AGREEMENT

- Donation to State, Locality or responsible private entity
- Maintain the bridge and features of historic significance
- Assume all future legal and financial responsibility
- Acquired, Maintained or Relocated with project schedule
- Reimburse entity preservation costs up to demolition
- Not be eligible for other federal funds

Interested parties should send a letter of interest, stating the funding means, location of bridge placement, means of moving structure and timetable to the address listed at the back of this brochure.

